

CLAIMS

We Claim:

1. An average current estimation circuit comprising:
 - (a) a diode;
 - (b) a resistor in series with a switch, with the resistor coupled to a termination of the diode;
 - (c) an RC filter in parallel with the resistor and switch of element (b).
2. The average current estimation circuit of Claim 1 wherein the switch is synchronized with an incoming peak current signal.
3. The average current estimation circuit of Claim 1 wherein an average current signal is sensed across a capacitor in the RC filter.
4. The average current estimation circuit of Claim 1 wherein the RC filter smooths an average current signal.

1 5. A switch mode power supply comprising:

2 (a) a peak current sensing circuit using a current sensing shunt; and

3 (b) an average current estimation circuit.

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5 6. The switch mode power supply of Claim 5 wherein a peak current signal is sensed
6 across the current sensing shunt.

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8 7. The switch mode power supply of Claim 5 wherein the average current estimation
9 circuit comprises:

10 (a) a diode;

11 (b) a resistor in series with a switch, with the resistor coupled to a termination of
12 the diode;

13 (c) an RC filter in parallel with the resistor and switch of element (b).

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15 8. The switch mode power supply of Claim 7 wherein the switch is synchronized
16 with an incoming peak current signal.

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18 9. The switch mode power supply of Claim 5 further comprises a power switch in
19 series with the current sensing shunt.

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21 10. The switch mode power supply of Claim 9 wherein the switch in the average
22 current estimation circuit is synchronized with the power switch.

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24 11. The average current estimation circuit of Claim 5 wherein an average current
25 signal is sensed across a capacitor in the RC filter.

1 12. A switch mode power supply comprising :

2 (a) a peak current sensing circuit using a current sensing transformer; and

3 (b) an average current estimation circuit wherein (a) and (b) are in parallel.

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5 13. The switch mode power supply of Claim 12 wherein the peak current sensing
6 circuit further comprises a diode and a shunt resistor in series with a secondary winding
7 of the current sensing transformer.

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9 14. The switch mode power supply of Claim 13 wherein the peak current signal is
10 sensed across the shunt resistor.

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12 15. The switch mode power supply of Claim 12 wherein the average current
13 estimation circuit comprises:

14 (a) a diode;

15 (b) a resistor in series with a switch, with the resistor coupled to a termination of
16 the diode;

17 (c) an RC filter in parallel with the resistor and switch of element (b).

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19 16. The switch mode power supply of Claim 15 wherein an average current signal is
20 sensed across a capacitor of the RC filter.

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22 17. The switch mode power supply of Claim 12 wherein a switch in the average
23 current estimation circuit is synchronized with an incoming current signal.

- 1 24. A switch mode power supply comprising:
 - 2 (a) a peak current sensing circuit;
 - 3 (b) an average current estimation circuit;
 - 4 (c) a current sensing transformer wherein both the peak current sensing circuit
 - 5 and the average current estimation circuit are coupled to the current sensing transformer.
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- 7 25. The switch mode power supply of Claim 24 wherein the current sensing
- 8 transformer has two secondary windings.
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- 10 26. The switch mode power supply of Claim 24 wherein a peak current signal and an
- 11 average current signal can be referenced to a first and a second ground.
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- 13 27. The switch mode power supply of Claim 24 wherein the peak current sensing
- 14 circuit further comprises a diode and a shunt resistor in series with a secondary winding
- 15 of the current sensing transformer.
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- 17 28. The switch mode power supply of Claim 27 wherein the peak current signal is
- 18 sensed across the shunt resistor.
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- 20 29. The switch mode power supply of Claim 24 wherein the average current
- 21 estimation circuit comprises:
 - 22 (a) a diode;
 - 23 (b) a resistor in series with a switch, with the resistor coupled to a termination of
 - 24 the diode;
 - 25 (c) an RC filter in parallel with the resistor and switch of element (b).
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- 27 30. The switch mode power supply of Claim 24 wherein an average current signal is
- 28 sensed across a capacitor of the RC filter.
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- 30 31. The switch mode power supply of Claim 24 wherein a switch in the average
- 31 current estimation circuit is synchronized with an incoming current signal.

1 32. A switch mode power supply comprising

2 (a) a peak current sensing circuit;

3 (b) a average current estimation circuit; and

4 (c) an op-amp coupled to the output of the average current sensing circuit.

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6 33. The switch mode power supply of Claim 32 wherein the op-amp is configured as
7 a non-inverting amplifier and is coupled to a diode between the negative input of the op-
8 amp and the output of the op-amp.

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10 34. The switch mode power supply of Claim 32 wherein a resistor from a negative
11 input of the op-amp and the ground.

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13 35. The switch mode power supply of Claim 32 wherein the op-amp offsets a voltage
14 drop from a diode in the average current estimation circuit.